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FEDERAL PRISON GUIDE

VISIT PACKET: FCI THREE RIVERS

Federal Correctional Institution · Three Rivers, TX · Phone 361-786-3576

VISITING

VISITING HOURS AND DAYS

WHO	DAYS	HOURS
FCI (main prison)	Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays	8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Satellite prison camp	Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays	8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Jim Wells A	Friday	12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Jim Wells B ("SHU Diversion" inmates)	Friday	8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Special Housing Unit (SHU)	Non-contact, on live video, no longer than 2 hours. The rules give no days for SHU visits.	Not given

Visitors are no longer processed after 2:00 p.m. Visits end at 3:00 p.m. No one may wait in a vehicle or at the front entrance for more than 15 minutes.

The visiting rules give no regular visiting days except Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays, plus the Friday hours for Jim Wells A and B above. [1]

The BOP's own papers disagree. The visiting rules (**August 4, 2026**) and the handbook (**August 5, 2026**) differ slightly. The rules say weekend visiting starts at **8:15 a.m.** The handbook says **8:00 a.m.** and lists the Friday hours under the housing units. The handbook also asks that new visitors be sent in at least **three weeks** before you plan to visit. Call 361-786-3576 before you drive.

THE RULES AT THE DOOR: ID, POINTS, WHAT YOU CAN BRING

HOW MANY VISITS	Social and special visits (legal or religious) are **unlimited** within visiting hours. You may visit once a day. If you leave, you cannot come back that day. [1]
HOW MANY PEOPLE	No more than **4 visitors at a time, including minor children**. Children are not guaranteed a seat when it is crowded. The visiting room holds **150**. You may not visit more than one inmate at a time without written approval. [1]

SPLIT VISITS	If more than 4 approved visitors arrive, some may leave and others come in. Only once. Those who leave must leave the prison and cannot return that day. [1]
ID	Visitors over 16 need valid proof of who they are, a current state or federal photo ID. Without it you cannot visit. Children under 16 must come with a responsible adult. [1]
SCREENING	Everyone must clear the **metal detector** and have bags x-rayed. Visitors are screened with an **ion drug scanner**. Visitors 18 and older may be pat searched at random. If you refuse a search or screening, you must leave and cannot return for a visit without approval. Metal pins, plates or a prosthesis: a hand-held detector is used. [1]
MONEY FOR VENDING MACHINES	Up to **$20 per adult**. Money cannot be left for their account. [1]
WHAT YOU CAN CARRY	One clear plastic bag, no bigger than one gallon, and your photo ID. No food, gum, large handbags, cosmetics, umbrellas, photos, blankets, books, magazines, pens, pencils, sunglasses, strollers or baby carriers. Medicine only nitroglycerine tablets and inhalers. [1]
FOR A BABY	Premixed formula and other liquids or foods in sealed original containers. Other items are limited to **3 clear nursing bottles, 3 diapers, wet wipes and 1 small blanket**. A diaper bag must be clear plastic. [1]
WHAT NOT TO WEAR	Nothing sexually suggestive, and nothing that could be confused with inmate clothing: **khaki, orange and camouflage**. The handbook says dresses, skirts and Bermuda shorts may not be more than two inches above the knee, and no form-fitting T-shirts for women. [1]
TOUCHING	An embrace and a kiss at the start and end of the visit. No excessive affection. Adults may not sit in laps. No lying on the floor or sitting on tables. [1]
WHEN IT GETS CROWDED	Visits are ended first for local visitors and frequent visitors. Staff also consider **how far you traveled**, how often you visit, and health problems of the visitor or the person inside. [1]

HOW TO GET ON THE VISITING LIST

1. Your loved one gets the visitor form **BP-A0629** (Visitor Information) and the visiting guidelines from their counselor, and **mails them to you**.
2. Fill in **every part**, sign it, and return it to their **Counselor**. Nothing happens until the counselor has it. A parent or guardian must sign for anyone under 18.
3. Everyone gets a criminal background check (NCIC). The Warden can deny you if it shows a security concern.
4. The counselor tells them in writing. **They** tell you. Do not drive until you are approved.
5. The list holds **no more than 20 visitors, children included**. Except for immediate family, you will not ordinarily be on more than one inmate's list.
6. You must have known them before prison. The Warden can make an exception for someone with no immediate family or relatives, if you pose no security threat.
7. There is no limit on how often they can change the list.

Fill out the visiting form for Three Rivers

[1]

DRIVING DIRECTIONS (FROM THE BOP)

FROM CORPUS CHRISTI	Drive north about 65 miles on I-37. Take exit 69 toward Three Rivers/Kenedy. Turn left onto TX-72 West and go about 3 miles. Turn left on North Harborth Avenue and go about half a mile. Turn right on TX-72 West (West Thornton Street) and go about 9 miles. Enter the second entrance on the left.
FROM SAN ANTONIO	Drive south about 67 miles on I-37. Take exit 72 for US-281 South, Three Rivers/Alice, and go about 5 miles. Turn right on TX-72 West (West Thornton Street) and go about 9 miles. Enter the second entrance on the left.
FROM BEEVILLE	Drive west about 22.5 miles on US-59 South. Turn right onto US-281 (Nueces Street) and go about 16.5 miles. Turn left on TX-72 West (West Thornton Street) and go about 9 miles. Enter the second entrance on the left.
TAXI, BUS	There is no public transportation company in Three Rivers. The visiting rules list City Cab/Yellow Cab at 361-358-4809. The prison is on Highway 72 West, Three Rivers, Texas 78071. Phone (361) 786-3576.

Street address for your GPS: Us Highway 72 West, Three Rivers, Tx 78071. [2]

WHAT TO WEAR TO A VISIT

The BOP beats to its own drum. The front desk has the final say. Keep a spare outfit in the car.

FCI THREE RIVERS

Rules dated **August 4, 2026** (this year)

Official rules (PDF) (bop.gov/locations/institutions/trv/trv_visit.pdf) No Spanish version posted

Skirts and dresses	Shorts or skirts no more than 2 inches above the knee.
Shorts	Shorts no more than 2 inches above knee; no athletic shorts.
Colors to avoid	No khaki clothing. No orange clothing. Avoid clothing easily confused with inmate clothing.
Leggings, spandex	No Lycra or spandex clothing. No tight or form-fitting clothing.
Bras and metal	No metal that will not clear detector, incl. piercings.
Camouflage, military	No camouflage clothing.
Shoes	No open-toed shoes. No shower shoes or flip-flops.
Children	Clothing list applies to children ages 4 and over.

ALL 27 RULES, IN THE BOP'S OWN WORDS

LENGTH AND FIT

- Shorts or skirts no more than 2 inches above the knee.
  BOP wording: "- Shorts or skirts more than two (2) inches above the knee;"
- Shorts no more than 2 inches above knee; no athletic shorts.
  BOP wording: "- Shorts or skirts more than two (2) inches above the knee;"
- No sleeveless blouses or dresses.
  BOP wording: "- Sleeveless, strapless or bareback blouses or dresses"
- No deep V-neck blouses, shirts or dresses.
  BOP wording: "- Deep v-neck blouses, shirts or dresses;"
- No midriff shirts; shirts tucked or belted for ages 4+.
  BOP wording: "> Halter tops or midriff shirts. Shirts will be tucked in or belted for all visitors ages 4 and over:"
- No strapless or bareback blouses/dresses, or halter tops.
  BOP wording: "- Sleeveless, strapless or bareback blouses or dresses"
- No see-through clothing, even over a shirt; no fishnet.
  BOP wording: "= Tight, form fitting or see through clothing. This includes see through shirts with a shirt underneath;"
- No tight or form-fitting clothing.
  BOP wording: "= Tight, form fitting or see through clothing. This includes see through shirts with a shirt underneath;"
- No Lycra or spandex clothing.
  BOP wording: "- Lycra or spandex clothing;"
- No swimwear.

BOP wording: "Lycra or spandex clothing; - Athletic shorts/sweatpants (cloth material) /wind suits; - Swimwear;"

- No slippers.
  BOP wording: "- Swimwear; - Slippers;"
- No athletic shorts, sweatpants, or wind suits.
  BOP wording: "- Athletic shorts/sweatpants (cloth material) /wind suits;"

COLORS AND UNIFORMS

- No khaki clothing.
  BOP wording: "- Khaki, orange or camouflage colors."
- No orange clothing.
  BOP wording: "- Khaki, orange or camouflage colors."
- Avoid clothing easily confused with inmate clothing.
  BOP wording: "sexually suggestive or could easily be confused with inmate clothing"
- No camouflage clothing.
  BOP wording: "- Khaki, orange or camouflage colors."

BRAS, UNDERWEAR AND METAL

- No metal that will not clear detector, incl. piercings.
  BOP wording: "~ All metal items which will not clear the metal detector; to include body piercing, excess metal on or"

SHOES

- No open-toed shoes.
  BOP wording: "- Open-toed shoes"
- No shower shoes or flip-flops.
  BOP wording: "- Show shoes or "flip flop" type shoes;"

HATS, HOODS AND COATS

- No caps, hats or scarves of any kind.
  BOP wording: "- Caps, hats and scarves of any kind;"
- No coats, sweaters or jackets with hoods attached.
  BOP wording: "= Long coats, sweaters and jackets that have hoods attached or extended below the knee;"
- No long coats below knee; jacket cannot cover unauthorized shirt.
  BOP wording: "- A jacket cannot cover up an unauthorized shirt"

CHILDREN

- Clothing list applies to children ages 4 and over.
  BOP wording: "Clothing Not Authorized (to include children ages 4 and over)"

EVERYTHING ELSE

- No clothing symbolizing gang activity or affiliation.
  BOP wording: "= Clothing of any type which would symbolize gang activity or gang affiliation;"
- No mini-skirts, wrap-around skirts, or long slits.
  BOP wording: "- Mini-skirts or wrap around skirts;"

IF THEY SAY NO

- Front Lobby Officer can bar entry until appropriate clothing is worn.
  BOP wording: "prevent access until appropriate clothing is worn."
- Questionable attire referred to the IDO before denial.
  BOP wording: "Questionable attire will be referred to the Institution Duty Officer"

MAIL AND THE MAILING ADDRESS

Use their committed name exactly as the BOP Inmate Locator shows it. The name and number below are examples (JOHN ANTHONY SMITH-JONES, 12345-678).

JOHN ANTHONY SMITH-JONES
Reg. No. 12345-678
FCI Three Rivers
P.O. Box 4200
Three Rivers, Tx 78071

The handbook asks people to put the **register number and housing unit** on the envelope so mail gets to them faster. Ask your loved one for their unit. [2]

The **camp uses the same P.O. Box**.

Use the P.O. Box only. Never mail to the street address (Us Highway 72 West, Three Rivers, Tx 78071).

MAIL DAYS	First-class mail is handed out Monday through Friday, except holidays, by the evening officer in each living unit. No weekend or holiday mail service. [2]
THEIR LETTERS TO YOU	At a medium-security prison they may not seal outgoing letters, and staff may read them. Legal and special mail excepted. [2]
BOOKS AND MAGAZINES	Hardcover books and newspapers only from the publisher, a book club or a bookstore. At medium security, softcover books also only from the publisher, a book club or a bookstore. [2]
PACKAGES	Every package needs approval first. [2]
LEGAL MAIL	Opened in front of them. [2]
MONEY	Never put money in a letter. It goes to the BOP lockbox in Des Moines, Iowa (see the Money tab). [2]

Books and magazines: at a medium security prison, books and magazines must come straight from a publisher, book club or bookstore (Amazon, for example), never from home.

Sources

1. TRV-5267.09 (i), Visiting Regulations (August 4, 2026) bop.gov/locations/institutions/trv/trv_visit.pdf
2. FCI Three Rivers Admission and Orientation Handbook (updated August 5, 2026) bop.gov/locations/institutions/trv/trv_ao_handbook.pdf